

CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

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(When Filled In)

FILE INFO

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REPRODUCTION PROHIBITED

13 OCT 72 03 33z

ACTION	1	DSA	6	DM	11	16
	2	DOPS	7	"	12	17
	3	SAS	8	INTEL	13	18
	4	DOGA	9	RLS	14	19
	5	"	10		15	20

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MY APOLOGY FOR DROPPING THE BALL. THE FILM WAS PROC-

CESSSED DURING THE EVENING OF 6 OCT AND SCRUTINIZED BY

MYSELF AND THE PHOTO INTERPERTERS. THE QUALITY AND CLA-

RITY IS RATED EXCELLENT. THE AREA WAS HAZE FREE ALTHOUGH

A FEW SCATTERED CLOUDS WERE PRESENT ALONG THE FLT LINE.

THE PORT ARTHUR AREA IS CLEARLY VISIBLE AND SATURATED

WITH SMALL BOATS AND NUMEROUS CARGO SHIPS, BOTH IN PORT

AND ANCHORED OFF SHORE. THE DETAIL OF SHIPS SUPER

STRUCTURE IS CLEARLY DISCERNIBLE. THE AIRFIELD HAS A FEW

AIRCRAFT PARKED ON THE RAMP BUT TYPES ARE NOT IDENTIFIABLE.

STORAGE AREAS ADJACENT TO THE DOCKS AND RAIL YARDS ARE

CLEARLY VISIBLE.

I CONSIDER THE COVERAGE OF THE PORT ARTHUR AREA TO BE

SOME OF THE BEST PHOTOGRAPHY WE HAVE OBTAINED TO DATE.

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